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SUBJECT: ROK FOREIGN POLICY INITIATIVE: UNCURK

1. MOFA INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS BUREAU DIRECTOR HAN TOLD US THAT FONMIN KIM'S JULY 23 MEETING WITH UNCURK MEMBERS WENT WELL. COMMISSION MEMBERS HAVE AGREED TO DELAY SUBMISSION OF ANNUAL REPORT UNTIL AUGUST 20. HAN SAID FONMIN KIM ALSO INFORMALLY INDICATED TO UNCURK THAT ROKG DID AGREE "IN PRINCIPLE" TO COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION IN ANNUAL REPORT ON ITS OWN TERMINATION.

2. IN LATER DISCUSSION WITH EMBOFF, AUSTRALIAN DEPUTY UNCURK REP STEELE CONFIRMED THAT COMMISSION MEMBERS HAVE AGREED TO DEFER SUBMISSION OF REPORT UNTIL AUGUST 15-20 PERIOD. HOWEVER, UNCURK HOPES TO COMPLETE REPORT BY AUGUST 10 TO ALLOW FORWARDING TO THE HAGUE FOR SIGNATURE BY DUTCH REP WHO WILL BE ON HOME LEAVE AT THE TIME.

3. STEELE SAID FONMIN KIM DID NOT GO AS CLEARLY ON RECORD SUPPORTING UNCURK RECOMMENDATION FOR TERMINATION AS HAN INDICATED. ACCORDING STEELE, CONFIDENTIAL

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FONMIN KIM IN EXTREMELY CONVOLUTED MANNER DID MENTION THAT ROKG WILLING TO HAVE UNCURK RECOMMEND ITS TERMINATION. HOWEVER, SEVERAL UNCURK MEMBERS DID NOT GET THAT MEANING FROM KIM'S AMBIGUOUS

REMARKS. CONSEQUENTLY, IN UNCURK SESSION THIS MORNING (JULY 24) THERE WAS UNRESOLVED DEBATE ON WHETHER FONMIN KIM, IN FACT, GAVE HIS APPROVAL TO UNCURK RECOMMENDATION ON TERMINATION.

4. MORE GENERALLY, STEELE SAID THAT COMMISSION HOPES TO COMPLETE WORK ON ANNUAL REPORT THIS WEEK WITH EXCEPTION OF CONCLUDING OBSERVATIONS, AND POSSIBLE RECOMMENDATION REGARDING TERMINATION OF UNCURK. COMMISSION MEMBERS WILL HOLD OFF DECISION ON TERMINATION RECOMMENDATION UNTIL ALL REPS RECEIVE INSTRUCTIONS ON MATTER AND CLEAR SIGNAL RECEIVED FROM ROKG AND OURSELVES.
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